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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (January 15 - 22, 2009)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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15/01/2009: Chris (ex-5U5U) expects to start activity from the Central African Republic (requested call TL0A) around January 15th. He will operate in his spare time, with an amplifier and a 6-band yagi, plus dipoles and a long wire. QSL to Christian Saint Arroman, Chemin de Mouteguy, 64990 Urcuit, France. [425 DX News]

16/01/2009: Tom, DL2RMC will be active holiday-style from Senegal as 6W/DL2RMC, or a 6V call, from January 16-29th, including an entry in the CQWW DX CW 160m Contest (January 23-25th). Look for activity on all bands and modes, with focus on low bands. QSL via DL1RTL. [NG3K]

16/01/2009: Yoshi, JE2EHP, will be active as K1HP/KH2 from Guam Island (OC-026, USi GU-003S, WLOTA LH-0064) between January 16-19th. Activity will be on all HF bands and 6m, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL is via bureau to his home callsign JE2EHP. [OPDX Bulletin]

16/01/2008: The expedition to St. Martin's Island (AS-127, WLOTA LH-2351), Bangladesh, is scheduled to take place January 16-22nd using the callsign S21DX. The operators will be Rabby/S21RC, Manju/S21AM, Lal/S21DM, Sohel/S21S, Rasedul/S21RO and Sayra/S21SA. They plan to be active on 80-10 meter SSB and RTTY (sorry - no 30 meters). QSL via EB7DX, direct only. Further information can be found at: s2iota.eb7dx.com/ [NG3K]

16/01/2009: Mike/JA6EGL (T88SM), Yas/JA6UBY (T88CP), Yu/JE6DND (T88HK) and Hiro/JA6KYU (T88HS) will be active from Koror Island, Palau Islands (OC-009), from January 16-18th. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 80-10 meters. QSL via home calls, direct only. [425 DX News]

16/01/2009: Adhi, YB3MM will be on holiday to Gili Nanggu [Nanggu Island] (OC-150) from January 16-18th. Holiday style operation as YB3MM/9 with one trx and one antenna, mainly on 17 meter CW and RTTY. Operation time is not known, depends on the electric supply from the island hotel (www.gilinanggu.com/). QSL via IZ8CCW or bureau. [IZ8CCW]

17/01/2009: Fred, ON6QR will be active as 7X2ARA, the club callsign of Amamteur Radio Algerians, for only a few hours this week. He will be on the air starting at 2000z on January 17th, until early morning on the 18th. His aim is to make QSOs during the Hungarian DX Contest and will be pleased to put you in the log. His activity will be on both CW and SSB; bands will be used according to propagation. QSL via 7X2ARA. [OPDX Bulletin]

17/01/2009: Wade, AA8LL will be active as AA8LL/4 from Cedar Keys (NA-076, Levy County), State of Florida, from around 2200z January 17th to around 1700z January 20th. Holiday style operating will be mostly CW and RTTY on 80-17 meters with 100 watts and wires. QSL via AA8LL, direct or bureau. He will upload his log to LoTW. [425 DX News]

17/01/2009: Fran?ois/F5JNE along with Gerard/F6ICG will be active January 17th from the Castle of La Garenne (DFCF 89-304), in the city of Annoux (CP 89440), canton of l'Isle sur Serein (DDCF 89-18), Department Yonne/89, Province of Burgundy (DPF 05). QRV 80 and 40 meter CW/SSB. QSL via bureau, SWL cards welcome. [F5NQL]

17/01/2009: Look for Paul, GW4MD/p to be active January 17th, starting around 1000 UTC, from Moel Siabod summit (GW/NW-010, 872m, 8 points, WW Loc. IO83AB), North Wales region. QRV 5 MHz and 3.5 MHz SSB. QSL via home call. [SOTA U.K.]

17/01/2009: Seth, SM0XBI will be QRV from the island of Dominica (NA-101), holiday-style, from January 17th to around April 1st, SSB only. QSL to home call, bureau preferred. [SM0CCM]

17/01/2009: DX vacation by Masumi, JA3AVO (FISTS member #15029), Kuni/JA1CJA and Take/JA3BZO to the island of St. Croix (USi VI-002S, WLOTA LH-2477, WW Loc. FK77PR), U.S. Virgin Islands (IOTA NA-106). They will arrive on January 16th and operate KP2/homecall from January 17-22nd. Look for activity on 160-6m using CW, SSB and the digital modes. The group will head back home to Japan on January 23rd. On their way to and from KP2 they will stop in Everett, WA from January 8-14th and January 25-27th. QSL via home call. [FISTS East Asia]

17/01/2009: Jimmy, M3EYP/p will be active January 17th, starting around 1115 UTC, from Hoove summit (G/NP-024, 554m, 2 points, WW Loc. IO83AB), Northern Pennines region, England. QRV 3.660 MHz SSB. QSL via home call. [SOTA U.K.]

17/01/2009: There will be a series of Lighthouse activations by TCSWAT during the following five months from the historical lighthouses around Istanbul / Republic of Turkiye. In collaboration with the Directorate General of Coastal Safety, TCSWAT is organising the "Istanbul Lighthouses On The Air" activity, which will take place from Karaburun (TUR 036), Sile (TUR 046), Anadolu (TUR 014), Ahirkapi (TUR 056), Rumeli/Turkeli (TUR 053), and Fenerbahce (TUR 021). Lighthouses as of last two weekends of December 2008. The dates, locations and callsigns are as follows: January 17-18th Sile Lighthouse TUR 046 / TC2SLH; January 24-25th Anadolu Lighthouse TUR 014 / TC2ALH; February 21-22nd Ahirkap? Burnu Lighthouse TUR 056 / TC1ALH; March 21-22nd Rumeli/Turkeli Lighthouse TUR 053 / TC1RLH; April 4-5th Fenerbah?e Lighthouse TUR 021 / TC2FLH. Stations contacting four or more of the lighthouses will recieve "Istanbul Lighthouses On The Air Award". Details will be later announced on the website: ta0u.com/ and tcswat.tripod.com/ More lighthouses will be activated in the future by TCSWAT. The lighthouse TCSWAT team will be: Urcun/TA0U, Leonardo/TA1FR, Mert/TA1ST, Tevfik/TA1HZ, Erhan/TA2DJ, Bekir/TA2RX, Mehmet/TB1J and Onur/TB2MYE. QSL direct to TA1HZ (QRZ.com). [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

17/01/2009: A group of YL operators will be active from the Falkland Islands (SA-002) between January 17-31st. They will be using VP8YLx callsigns, with the third character of the suffix assigned to each YL operator at beginning of the operation. YL operators mentioned at present include: Janet/VP8AIB, Chantal/PA3GQG, Unni/LA6RHA, Jeanie/WA6UVF, Mio/JR3MVF, Liz/M0ACL, Victoria/SV2KBS, Nicky/M5YLO and Ruth/IT9ESZ. The activity will be mainly on SSB, on all bands, but only 20 hours every day. QSL via operator's home callsign. Look for more information to become available at: www.radioclubs.net/aa_vp8yl_/ [OPDX Bulletin]

19/01/2009: Operators Antonio/CU8AS, Ruedi/HB9CQL and Hermann/HB9CRV (CT3FN) will be active from the Albarnaz lighthouse (DFP FAZ-02, ARLHS AZO-016, TWLHD WLH CU-008), Flores Island (DIP AZ-008, WLOTA LH-0947), Azores (EU-089) from January 19-23rd. QRV mainly on the low bands with CW and RTTY, using the special call CU8W. QSL via CT1GFK, bureau OK; via email to cu8at at sapo dot pt [CT1END]

20/01/2009: Joerg, DL1MJF will stay in Thailand again from January 20th until February 12th and plans to become QRV as HS0ZGQ in CW/SSB on 40-10m with his Kenwood TS50 and a dipole. If he is able to Joerg will be QRV for a one week stay on the island Koh Samui (AS-101, WLOTA LH-1384) using the callsign HS0ZGQ/2. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [DX Newsletter]

20/01/2009: Nobi, JA1JCF will be active as homecall/p from the Tsumeki [Tumeki] Saki Lighthouse (ARLHS JAP-690, JP-2441, Admiralty F 6296), Shizuoka prefecture, Honshu Island (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA LH-2376) on January 20th and 21st. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [ARLHS]

21/01/2009: Josep, EA3BT and his wife Nuria, EA3WL will be active as HI9/EA3BT and HI9/EA3WL from Cayo Levantado (NA-122), Dominican Republic, January 21-27th. They plan to operate mainly SSB and digital modes on 10-80 meters, with an amplifier, a beam for 10-20 meters and a vertical for 40 and 80 meters. QSL via EA3BT, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

22/01/2009: A large group of Radio Grupo Sur members will be on the air from Isla de Flores (SA-030, ARLHS URU-001, TWLHD WLH CX-001, WLOTA LH-0528, Admiralty G 0690, WW Loc. GF25AB), Uruguay, using CV5A callsign from January 22-26th working with monoband beam antennas for all bands. They will work all modes and there will be a dedicated RTTY-PSK31 station. Look for

them to be QRV in the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 24-25th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via CX2ABC. [EA5RM]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

23/01/2009: Rasto/OM3BH, Jozef/OM3GI and the Madeira Team will be active from Ilha da Madeira (AF-014, DIP MA-001, WLOTA LH-0053) as CT9M during the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via CT3EE. [NG3K]

23/01/2009: Val, RD3AF will be active as EF8M from Las Palmas, Isla de Gran Canaria (AF-004, DIE S-005, ESA GC, WLOTA LH-0969) during the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

23/01/2009: Serge, UR5FEO will be active from Moldova as ER0FEO during the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via UU0JM, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

23/01/2009: Look for Vlad, UT0FT to be QRV from Moldova as ER0/UT0FT for the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via UT0FT, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

23/01/2009: Ray, WQ7R will be active as HQ9R from Roatan Island (NA-057, WLOTA LH-1671), Honduras, during the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via K5WW. [NG3K]

23/01/2009: Operators Dave/G3NKC, Martin/G4XUM and Bob/MD0CCE will be active from the isle of Man (EU-116, also count for WLOTA LH-0449) as MD4K during the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via G3NKC, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

23/01/2009: The UA2 Contest Club will be active from Kaliningrad as RK2FWA for the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via DK4VW, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

23/01/2009: Jeff, N1SNB will be active as VP9/N1SNB from the island of Bermuda (NA-005, WLOTA LH-0201) during the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

23/01/2009: Peter, XU7ACY (NO2R) reports that he will be active from Cambodia during the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via W2EN. [NG3K]

23/01/2009: Look for Tom, KC0W/ZD7X to be active from Cambodia as XU7XXX during the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. The 160m antenna will be a dipole/vertical placed on the beach 5 meters from salt water. QSL via KC0W, direct only. [NG3K]

23/01/2009: Look for Bruce, XW1B to be active from Vientiane, Laos during the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via E21EIC, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

24/01/2009: Members of the Galway VHF Group (www.galwayvhfgroup.com/) will be activating Oranmore Castle from 12 mid-day on Saturday the 24th until 4 pm on Sunday the 25th of January. Activity will be on all bands depending on conditions. The WAI locator square is M32 and the Castle number will be EI/001/C. This will be the first activation of a castle since the launch of CASHOTA-IRELAND. The Galway VHF Group Club callsign, EI4ALE/P, will be in operation for the duration of this event. For further information check out their Web site at: www.cashota-ireland.org [Galway VHF Group]

25/01/2009: The Kilmarnock and Loudoun Amateur Radio Club now has the special event call GB250RB to commemorate 250 years of the life and times of the famous poet Robert Burns (January 25, 1759 - July 21, 1796). The station will be on the air January 25th through to December 31st, 2009 from events all over Ayrshire and Scotland by members of Kilmarnock and Loudoun Amateur Radio Club, Kilmarock, Scotland, and other clubs. QSL via MM0DHQ direct, eQSL,

or bureau. Further information can be found at: www.gb250rb.co.uk/ [MM0DHQ]

25/01/2009: Michael, F1IQH will be active from Burkina-Faso as XT2WC for two weeks satrting January 25th. Mainly 14MHz; other bands are possible according to the propagation. QSL via F1IQH (QRZ.com). [F5NQL]

28/01/2009: Antonio/CU8AS, Ruedi/HB9CQL and Hermann/HB9CRV (CT3FN) will be active as CU5T from Ponta do Topo (ARLHS AZ0-018, WLOTA LH-1004), located on Sao Jorge Island (EU-175, DIP AZ-005), Azores, from January 28th to February 2nd. QRV 160-10 meters, using CW, SSB and RTTY, with Elecraft K3 + FET PA 500 watts, IC718 + FET PA 500 watts and HF9V and 18m GP antennas. QSL via CT1GFK, direct or bureau; email request (cu8at at sapo dot pt) [CT1END]

01/02/2009: Gerhard, OE3GEA will be active as FR/OE3GEA from Reunion Island (AF-016, DIFO FR-001, WLOTA LH-1812) between February 1st and 13th. QRV all bands, CW only. QSL via home call, direct or by the bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

07/02/2009: Jerry, P29ZAD will be active from Buka Island (OC-135), Soloman Islands, from February 7-27th. He will be working just North of Buka Town. Jerry will DX if he has time. QSL via NI5DX, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at: p29zad.blogspot.com/ [rsgbiota.org]

09/02/2009: Willy/ON5AX and XYL Magda/ON3AX will be QRV from the RV Professor Khromov (Spirit of Enderby) and from the Ross-Sea region in Antarctica between February 9th and March 10th. March 2009 with the special calls OR3AX and OR4AX. The trip includes the Auckland Islands (ZL9 OC-074), Campbell Island (ZL9 OC-037), Macquarie Island (VK0 AN-005) and the Ross Islands group (AN-011) areas. Note: they will not be landing on each of these islands, but will be /MM in the area. QSL direct to ON5AX, for both calls. More details at: www.waponline.it/ [I1HYW]

11/02/2009: Girts, YL2KL will be active as D4C from the Monte Verde contest station, Mindelo, Sao Vicente Island (AF-086, WLOTA LH-1976), Cape Verde Islands, from February 11-22nd. He will participate in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (February 14-15th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. Also look for him to be QRV in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via IZ4DPV (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

14/02/2009: Look for Val, RD3AF to be QRV as EF8M from Las Palmas, Isla de Gran Canaria (AF-004, DIE S-005, ESA GC, WLOTA LH-0969) for the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 14-15th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

21/02/2009: Luis/EA8AY and Manuel/EA8NC will be active from Santa Cruz, Tenerife Island (DIE S-012, WLOTA LH-1276), Canary Islands (AF-004) as AN8R during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via EA8AY (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

21/02/2009: Val, RD3AF to be QRV as EF8M from Las Palmas, Isla de Gran Canaria (AF-004, DIE S-005, ESA GC, WLOTA LH-0969) for the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

07/03/2009: John, KK9A will be active as P40A from Iguana Villa, Malmok, island of Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA LH-0033) during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via WD9DZV, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

24/03/2009: Members of Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group Inc. will spend 10 days on Lord Howe Island for the 2009 CQ WPX Contest. QRV March 24th to April 3rd, using the callsign VK9LA. The total list of ops are: IZ3ESV, K5YY, N2OO, N2OZ, SQ8X, SQ9DIE, SV2KBS, VK1TX, VK3HJ, VK3QB, VK4IO, VK4VCH, VK5CP, VK5PO, W5SL and VK4FW. Bill, VK4FW will travel to Lord Howe on March 22nd to immediately begin unpacking. On March 23rd, 4 others will arrive and the rest arriving as originally planned on Mar 24th. They will assemble 7 full HF stations at 2 seperate sites as well as one for 6m. Modes of operation are SSB, CW and RTTY. They will use mono band yagis and mono band verticals to allow us to possibly have 2 actual stations on the same band similtaneously. There are also a quantity of wire antennae for the low bands. A full list of operating frequencies will be designed to enhance their plans. The QSLing chores will be handled by VK4FW. They will set up an online QSLing system that will permit you to apply

online to help cut your postage costs. More on this later. QSL cards will be printed very quickly by UX5UO. Further information at: www.odxg.org/vk9la.htm [VK4FW]

19/04/2009: Jim, MM0BQI will be active as homecall/p from the Treshnish Isles (EU-108) April 24-27th. Look for activity on or near the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

24/07/2009: Will/PE1OPM, Manfred/PE1OXV and Jeroen/PD5CW will be active, for fun and to enjoy the IOTA weekend, from Schouwen Duiveland (EU-146), July 24-26th. QRV 80-10 meters, using mainly CW and SSB. QSL via home calls, direct or by the bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

24/09/2009: Look for Fred, PA1FJ to be active as PJ2/PA1FJ from the island of Curacao (SA-006, WLOTA LH-0942) between September 24th and October 7th. QSL via home call either direct, by the bureau or eQSL. [rsgbiota.org]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

17/01/2009: Special event station 8N8TKS will be aired from January 17th until May 24th for the 51st JARL Annual General Meeting in Kushiro(-city): "Tancho (or Japanese Crane) Kushiro(-city) Sokai (or General Meeting)"). Kushiro-city is famous for Japanese crane. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

22/01/2009: CQD, Jack Binns and the rescue at sea in 1909 Special Event 100th Anniversary January 22-24, 2009. For the 100th anniversary of the Republic-Florida collision, radio operators around the world will be at their Special Event Stations listening for special broadcasts and communications about Jack Binns and the Republic-Florida Collision! For a complete list of these events, go to: www.jackbinns.org/ and www.jackbinns.org/commemoration_news .

The Scunthorpe Steel Amateur Radio Club, Scunthorpe, UK, will be active for the Jack Binns event by signing GB5CQD on January 24th and January 25th. QSL via G0OKF, direct or bureau.

Also celebrating the Jack Binns event will be the The Lizard Marconi Wireless Station, The Lizard, Cornwall, UK, using the call sign GB100MSC from January 22-25th on 80m-10m CW and SSB. QSL via operators instructions.

The Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society, Chelmsford, UK, will be QRV for the entire months of January and February using the call sign GB0MWT, operating from the Sandford Mill. Marconi Hut Morse only for January 23-25th on all bands, SSB and Morse. QSL via the bureau to G0MWT.

The Marconi Radio Club W1AA of Massachusetts, USA, will take part in the Jack Binns special event with two stations by representing SS Republic (Callsign MKC) as W1AA/MKC and SS Baltic (Callsign BC) as W1AA/BC. The two stations plan to be on the amateur bands on January 23 from 0001z to 0400z and on January 24 from 1200z to 2000z. Both SSB and CW modes will be used. QSL via W1AA (QRZ.com); DX can use the W1 Bureau. Website info at: www.anything-it.biz/roass/roars.html [K1VV]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

SOUTH AMERICA:
The first "South Americn Lighthouse Weekend" will happen from February 20th, 1200 UTC until February 22nd at 2400 UTC. More than 50 operations are still scheduled in Argentina, Brasil and Chile.
For more information see: www.grupodxbb.com.ar/faros.htm [LU5FF]

15/01-24/05 8N8TKS: Hokkaido WLOTA:2967 QSL JARL Buro
16/01-19/01 K1HP/KH2: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL JE2EHP (b)
16/01-22/01 S21XXX: St. Martin's Island WLH:S2-002, WLOL:BAN-006
WLOTA:2351, Admiralty F1057 QSL TBA

17/01-22/01 KP2/JA1CJA: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL HC (d/b)
17/01-22/01 KP2/JA3AVO: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL HC (d/b)
17/01-22/01 KP2/JA3BZO: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL HC (d/b)
17/01-18/01 TC2SLH: Sile WLOL:TUR-046 QSL TA1HZ (d)
19/01-23/01 CU8W: Ponto do Albarnaz DFP:FAZ-02, WLOL:AZO-016,
WLH:CU-008, WLOTA:0947 QSL CT1GFK (d/b)
20/01-12/02 HS0ZGQ/2: Ko Samui WLOTA:1384 QSL DL1MJF (d/b)
20/01-21/01 JA1JCF/P: Tsumeki Saki WLOL:JAP-690 QSL HC (d/b)
20/01-21/01 JA1JCF/P: Honshu Island WLOTA:2376 QSL HC (d/b)
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U.S. COUNTIES (USA-CA) -

17/01/2009: Jerry, W0GXQ will be running mobile January 17 & 18, CW and SSB as follows: January 17 starting at 1300z - Minnesota: Hubbard, Clearwater, Mahnomen, and Norman. North Dakota: Traill, Steele, Griggs, Foster, Eddy, Wells, Sheridan, McLean, Oliver, Mercer, Dunn, Stark, Morton, and Burleigh. January 18 starting at 1400z - North Dakota: Burleigh, Emmons, McIntosh, Logan, LaMoure, Dickey, Sargent, Ransom, Barnes, Richland, and Cass. Minnesota: Clay, Becker, and Hubbard. Counties to be run on SSB are Traill, Griggs, Sheridan, McLean, Mercer, Burleigh, LaMoure, Dickey, Sargent, Cass (more if time permits). SSB runs will be on 20/40m and 75m on request. The CW run sequence will be 40/80/30/20/17m, 15/10m on request. If the weather forecast turns ugly, he will cancel the trip. Good for 3 stars and MP. Send email requests to w0gxq at unitelc.com [County Hunter Web]
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SIX METERS & UP -

16/01-19/01 K1HP/KH2: Guam 6M Grid:QK23 CW/SSB/RTTY QSL JE2EHP (b)
17/01-19/01 K3JAY: Jan VHF Maryland Grid:FM28 6m-1.2G CW/SSB/FM QSL (d)
17/01-19/01 K4RUN/R: Jan VHF Grid:FM07/FM08/FM18 6m-70cm QSL HC (d)
17/01-19/01 K5QE: Jan VHF Grid:EM31CJ FSK441 6m/2m; EME; M/S QSL (d)
17/01-19/01 KA3ZLS: Jan VHF Grid:EM55 6m-1.2GHz CW/SSB/FM QSL (d)
17/01-22/01 KP2/JA1CJA: USVI 6M Grid:FK77PR KLM-11ele 1kW QSL HC (d/b)
17/01-22/01 KP2/JA3AVO: USVI 6M Grid:FK77PR KLM-11ele 1kW QSL HC (d/b)
17/01-22/01 KP2/JA3BZO: USVI 6M Grid:FK77PR KLM-11ele 1kW QSL HC (d/b)
17/01-19/01 N3NGE: Jan VHF Grid:FN20BD; 6m-10G; 1kW; WSJT 6m/2m QSL (d)
17/01-19/01 W9RM: Jan VHF Grid:EN52RB QRO 6m/2m WSJT QSL QRZ.com
17/01-19/01 WB4SLM: Jan VHF Grid:EM82DP 6m-13cm QSL QRZ.com

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated January 12, 2009)
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QSL INFO -

UA0SJ only direct via: Yuri A. Maltsev, PO Box 230, Bratsk 665700, Russia
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Buzz, NI5DX, is now the QSL manager for Zivko, S52BB.
Buzz will be able to answer all requests for cards once new cards are received from the printer (4-5 weeks). [K1XN & The GOLIST]

QSLs received Bureau - A35WE, AN6EB, B4R, BA4ALC/7, BA5AP, BD4AEK, BG4JWU, BV4UB/DL2JRM, CE4TEV, CN2BC, CO8ZZ, CT3FQ, CT3KN, CT3MD, CT3/DK1BT, CU2AA, CU3CC, CU3CP, CU3FV, DU/CT1EAT, EA6/DJ5GI, EA6/DL5DSM, EA8/DF8AA, EA8/DL4ZF, EA8AG, EA8BZH, EA9/DK8RE, EA9/SP2JMB, EG8FAS, EH6R, EK6GT, EK6YL, EKG90TA, FH1LE, FG5ED, FJ/G3TXF, FM/DF5WA, FO0CLA, FO5RM, FP/G3TXF, HB0/DJ2IA, LX1BC, LX1CC and MJ/PA0GIO/p.

QSLs received Direct - 3B8/SP2JMB (via SP2JMB), 3DA0VB (via UA4WHX), 3X5A (via G3SXW), 9J2VB (via UA4WHX), 9X0VB (via UA4WHX), A25VB (via UA4WHX), BD1DRJ/2 (via BD1DRJ), C91VB (via UA4WHX), C91VB/4 (via UA4WHX), C98RF (via DL6DQW), D20VB (via UA4WHX), D60VB (via UA4WHX), EA9/SP2JMB (via SP2JMB), EZ8BO (via EZ8CW), EZ8CQ (via Direct), EZ21BO (via EZ8CW), GW3KGV

(via Direct), GW3YDX (via Direct), JD1BMM (via JA6GXK), JX9JKA (via LA9JKA), K5S [NA-082] (via W5UE), KH0ABT (via 7L1FPU), KH6/JA6REX (via JA6REX), OX5AA (via G3TXF), R35NP (via UW1AI), TC4X (via OH2BH), VU7SJ (via DL9GFB), YN2I (via KE9I), YO5BRZ (via Direct) and ZS6GAV (via Direct).

QSLs received LoTW - 4A1DXXE, ER4ER (via RA4LW), FS/DL7DF, K4XU, K6XX, KB7Q, N0KE, N4AF, N5DO, N6EE, N6XG, N6XI, P49X, PJ2/DL7DF, PJ7/DL7DF, PV8DX, RA4LW (via Direct), T30CW, VE3EJ, VP2EEB, W2RA/VY0, W5ZR, W6AMM, W6TK, WA3GNW, WI9WI and ZD8UW.
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SILENT KEYS -

Lloyd 'Shally' Shallenberger, K6VHP became silent key January 10, 2009.

Anatoly N. Tselikov, UR5FJ (ex UB5FJ) became silent key January 9, 2009 at the age of 78.
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BITS & PIECES -

Hi Folks!
Sorry for the delay.... but.... GOOD 2009!
Just to inform you that the new Bulletin n. 227 is on line!
I've also uploaded the new WACA and WADA directory!
http://www.waponline.it/
Thanks to Max Betty and Gianni!
Have fun! [IZ1HKE]

VP9 - BERMUDA

2009 is the 400th anniversary of the settlement of Bermuda by Sir George Somers. Most local organisations are having an event of some kind during the year. The Radio Society of Bermuda has been issued with a special call sign that can be used all year, it is VP9400/xx.

The xx suffix is the operator's call sign, i.e. VP9400/LP. There are a few novice licence holders who have a 3 digit suffix, i.e. VP9400/NMT. +Special pictorial postcards will be used to QSL.

73's
Rose Spershott, VP9LP
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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 13, 2009

CQ to Accept eQSL Confirmations for Award Credit

(Hicksville, NY and Bedford, TX, January 13, 2009) - CQ magazine will accept contact confirmations made on the eQSL.cc electronic confirmation system for its operating awards effective immediately, CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, and eQSL Founder and Webmaster Dave Morris, N5UP, announced today.

There will be certain limitations and procedural differences for different awards, at least to start. Only confirmations from "Authenticity Guaranteed" members of eQSL will be accepted, and in accordance with existing eQSL policy, a membership level of bronze or higher is required in order to participate in award programs via eQSL.

"This is the first time that CQ has formally accepted anything other than traditional paper QSL cards for its awards," said Moseson. "We have been working with Dave Morris and his team

for several months to assure that the integrity of our awards programs will be protected and to create mechanisms to make it easy for both award applicants and award managers to use eQSL credits toward our awards. All of our award managers have been involved in this process and support this action."

"We want to express our great appreciation to Dave and his team for their willingness to do whatever was necessary to make this agreement possible," Moseson added. "It has been a pleasure working with them and we look forward to a long-lasting relationship."

"We are pleased to be adding CQ to the top of our list of amateur organizations that accept electronic QSLs," said Morris. "CQ has some of the most highly sought-after awards, and we have been working behind the scenes for years to create credit submission mechanisms that would ensure the integrity of their programs without introducing any additional labor for the award managers. We believe the electronic QSL can drastically reduce costs, and the award application mechanisms we have developed will provide for more efficient processing at reduced cost for both the applicant and the award manager."

Applicants for the CQ DX and CQ DX Field Awards must print out their eQSLs and submit them along with their traditional QSLs to a CQ checkpoint or to CQ DX Awards Manager Billy Williams, N4UF. eQSL has an automated process in place for applicants for CQ's Worked All Zones, WPX and USA-Counties awards. N5UP explains how that will work for the applicant: "The applicant goes to the My Awards screen. He clicks on the particular award he wants to apply for. This brings up a list of the credits our system 'thinks' he is entitled to. There are checkboxes that allow him to check which ones he wants to use, and we automatically pre-fill one credit per category so he doesn't have to do anything if he wants to take the defaults. At the bottom of the screen are two buttons: 'Submit to CQ' and 'Print Paper Application'."

The "submit" button will place all the selected QSOs into a file for the award manager to access, while the "print" button will generate a printed list to be submitted along with the traditional application. PLEASE NOTE that ALL applicants must send the award fee payment to the CQ Award Manager, regardless of how the application is submitted. Some CQ award managers are now accepting PayPal; see individual award web pages for details. All awards will continue to accept traditional QSLs as well as eQSLs. For the USA-Counties Award (USA-CA), applicants must note on their record books (or printouts) whether each county has been confirmed traditionally (with an "X" to the right of the entry) or electronically (with an "E" next to the entry).

For more information on eQSL, visit <http://www.eQSL.cc >.
For more information on CQ awards, visit the awards page on the CQ website at < http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com>. Please note that the award rules posted on the website have not yet been updated to reflect the acceptance of eQSLs. This will be done as soon as possible, but the policy takes effect immediately.

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New NASA prediction for SC 24
Looks like NASA has again revised the prediction for Solar Cycle 24 (as of 5 January, 2009):
http://solarscience.msfc.nasa.gov/images/ssn_predict.pdf
Looking at that chart, it appears it will peak around 2013, with a SSN of ~105-110. Who knows?
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Contest Calendar - DX Calendar - Lighthouse Activations
Join ICPO e-Group: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/icpo_mail.html
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